

Service-Learning E-News

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We are prone to judge Success by the index of Our salaries or the size of our automobiles, rather than by the quality of our service and relationship to humanity.

-- Martin Luther King Jr.

Online Resources

Parkland College Service-Learning Website

CU Volunteer Database

S-L Clearinghouse

MLK Day of Service

On Monday, January 19, Parkland College will host its annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. In honor of Dr. King, we'll be using this "day off" to serve our community. This year, we'll be working with the Wesley Food Pantry to repack 2000 pounds of rice between 10am and 12pm in the S-Building at Parkland College. Contact Mike Moran at mmoran@parkland.edu or (217) 353-3302 for more information, or to sign up.

Upcoming Volunteer Fair

Mark your calendars for this Spring's Volunteer Fair, set for Wednesday, January 28, from 10:30am to 1:00pm in the Student Union. The Volunteer Fair is a great way to network, meet local nonprofit organizations, and become involved in local volunteer opportunities. We had a great turnout last semester, so we're excited to invite you to stop by the Fair, tell a friend about it, and bring your class by to visit with over 20 community organizations. For more information, or for a list of participating organizations, contact Mike Moran at mmoran@parkland.edu or (217) 353-3302.

Join the Garden Hills Homework Club

For the past seven years, students and faculty of Parkland College have been working with 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders at an afterschool program called the Homework Club, at Garden Hills Elementary. The Club, a partnership between Parkland College and Champaign School District 4, meets two days a week (Mondays and Wednesdays), from 3:00-4:00 PM. We are currently recruiting members of the Parkland Community to volunteer one or two days a week throughout the fall semester, providing not only academic support to the Garden Hills kids, but also serving as important role-models to at-risk youth. Due to past successful semesters with the Club, our primary goal is to expand, with more Parkland students and faculty working with more Garden Hills students. For information about potentially connecting yourself, or your class or club with the Garden Hills/Parkland College Homework Club this semester, please contact Brian Nudelman @ 351-2534 or Mike Moran at 353-3302 or mmoran@parkland.edu.

Share Your S-L Stories

If you are involved in service-learning with Parkland students, please share your stories with the Parkland community by contacting Mike Moran

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Check out the Service-Learning Websites!

Once again, we encourage you to take a look at the My.Parkland College Service-Learning Website. You can view the Service Learning Website [here!](#) We've also added a page to the Parkland.edu website with all our volunteering partner organizations available for public access. Check it [out](#).

Wesley Food Pantry at Parkland

The Wesley Food Pantry at Parkland celebrated its one year anniversary this past December. The pantry is open on the second Wednesday of each month from 7am-2pm, as well as every Saturday from 10am-12pm in the S building across the road from the main building. Besides offering an incredible service for our students, the pantry provides an excellent opportunity for service learning on the Parkland campus. Distribution days are in need of volunteers! Click [here](#) to sign up to volunteer or to donate to the Pantry. Most importantly, students need to know this service exists, so spread the word!

Service-Learning at Parkland

Last semester, Travis Sola and Kendra McClure implemented service-learning in their courses. Travis' Psychology course partnered with the Champaign County Nursing Home, and Kendra's Public Relations class partnered with the Orpheum Children's Science Museum. Both organizations were very pleased with their students activity and participation, and we'd like to recognize Kendra and Travis for their service-learning work. We also want to thank Patti Verstrat, Charles Larenas, Lauren O'Connor, Ruijie Zhao, Kendra McClure, and the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program for offering service-learning to their students through the Homework Club. If you'd like to partner with the Homework Club or are interested in starting service-learning components in your classroom, contact Brian Nudelman at bnudelman@parkland.edu or Mike Moran and mmoran@parkland.edu.